

PE1563/N

Scottish Government letter of 28 July 2016

Thank you for your letter of 4 July 2016 in relation to the consideration of Petition PE1563 (sewage sludge spreading).

I can confirm that the Scottish Government's position remains the same in that, as long as it is well managed, the use of sewage sludge is an effective way to recycle valuable materials.

With regard to strengthening the regulatory framework, the Committee will be aware of the suite of recommendations made in February 2016 by the then Cabinet Secretary, Richard Lochhead MSP, relating to the use of sewage sludge, which included a recommendation to improve the existing legislation through the Scottish Government's Better Environmental Regulation Programme. This work is currently being progressed jointly with SEPA.

I hope the Committee find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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